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THE following Letter evidently demonstrates the great Services done to our Party by those inflammatory Writers, who have lately dispersed their Lucrubations over the Kingdom. My Cousin *Gubbins*, (as well as most other Country Gentlemen) being the Pupil of these Writers in Politics, speaks the Language of his Master; and whoever will take the Pains of searching into the Anti-ministerial Papers and Pamphlets during the last half Year, will, I am convinced, find every Sentiment in his Letter, printed in one or other of those Performances.

*Cousin Jan Trott-Plaid,*

I Am again azat down to write to ye about National Concerns; for zure, zince *England* was *England*, such Times as these were never azeed before.

Is this a time to be a carrying on a War, when the Nation is soused over Head and Ears in Debt in such a manner. I know there be zum ministerial Rascals that call it the Marchants War. Tis a d—nd Lie; the Marchants never intended to have any War, but at Zee. Tis the Ministry that went to War upon the Kontinent, and what is the Consequence? Have not the King of *France* agot all *Flanders* by it, and t'other Pleace there, what d'yee call it, *Bravebant*?. Do you think he would ever athoute of carrying his Army thither, if we had unt a zent over our Men to show un the Way? Besides, an if he had, wueld not the *Duch* have bin very able to defend themsels if our Men had unt been there? And if our Ministry would have a Land War on the Kontinent, why did unt they take care to have good A Lies? Why did unt they yollow the Method of my L—d G——, why did unt they bully the King of *Prussia* a little muore, and then he wud ha comed in; but to gu to carry on a War without Men cnow, they might as well think of running down an old Fox with a Harl of Dogs *. As for the *Duch* and the Queen of *Hungry*, we might have known they would deceive us; for is it not plain now that they have deceived us? And now we have agot a Parcel of *Hessians* and *Switch*, and *Hannoverians* and *Russions*, and who the Divil is to pay um? Old *England* pays for all.

But zay the Ministerial Rascals, we would ha a Piece.—Ay and zo woud we ha a Piece too; but than it must be a good Piece, and a lasting Piece, and a Piece that it shall never be in the Power of *France* to brake again. If *France* be a minded to make a Piece, we'l gi it her. Let her restuore all she has unjustly a taken upon the Kontinent, and let us keep *Cape Britoon*, which we got fairly at Zee by the Vallur of *Englishmen*, and then every *Englishman* will be vor a Piece; but after zuch an expensive War, which has almost a ruind us, and in which we have bin a beaten from the Beginning, to think we will accept of a bad Piece after all, why what the Devil must they think of us, but that we be either mad or Fools. No, no, we will never part with *Cap Britton*—Tell um that.—We will never part with *Cap Britton*. As for all the rest we have a got by the War, they may have it again with all my Heart; but rather than part with *Cap Britown*, I woud gi my Vote to carry on the War to the End of the World, provided it could be done, (as to be sartain it may by those who know how to do it) without the Ruin of the Nation.

If the present Ministry don't know how to do this, why wont they go away, and let those cum in that do know. To be zure there be zuch men, thof we, who live altogether in the Country, don't know um; but Ould *England*'s Journal, t'other Day, signified as how he did. I wish methinks he would have named um, that we might a drank their Healths, that would ha been zome Satisfaction in these bad Times.

Prithee, Cousin *Jan*, how comes it about that zuch a Zet of Bl--ckheads, as the present Minst—y be, (for that you do all agree they be) should ha outwitted many wiser Peple than themsels, and ha got all their Power. What the Devil, be they Conjurers: for they zay the K— don't like um, nor the P— don't like um, nor the Peple don't like um. How the Devil comes all this about. I can never believe that dree, or vour, or half a Score Men can keep out the Pretender, (as he is a call'd) if the—and—and every Body else was for bringing un in.

What a Pox, shall zuch a Parcel of Fellows as these go on to carry on a bad War, and to make a bad Peace, and to level Tacses, and to take away the Liberty of the Press, and all the rest of the Liberties of the Nation, and to zend away all our Corn, and to bring over Forenners. I say they must be Conjurers, and I can never believe the contrary.

But now I mention the Liberty of the Press, prithee, do tell us, how long it was a taken away, or if 'tis not yet adun, when 'tis to be, and what the Minstry have begun about it. And about other Liberties too I should be glad to know, why don't you always mention Particulars, and name every Liberty as often as tis a taken away. I fancy you despise us Peple in the Country too much to let us into any Secrets: for these 20 Years last past that they have bin a taking away our Liberties, none of you Writers have ever mentioned one single Particular; zu that when the Ministerial Rascals ask what the Devil we mean by our Liberties being endvaded, we look like Fools, and know not what to anser, but that it is zu put down upon the Peaper.

Prithee, do let us a little into the Secret of Matters; for it is very hard for a Man to be told every Day that his House is a-vire, and to believe it is a-vire, and yet neither to be able to see any Flame, nor to smell any. What must his Naybours think of such a Man, who complains for twenty Years together, and when he is asked in what Part of his House the Flame is, can only anser, I heard a Fellow in the Street cry Fire.

I would not have you to think, that either I or the rest of our Friends want this Information upon any other Account, than to be abel to anser the Rascals: for I promise you we believe every thing ourfels as much as if we knowd it. So no more at present, from,

*Dear Cousin* Jan Trott-Plaid,

*Your affectionate Cousin and Servant,*

Humphry Gubbins.

* *A Sportsman's Phrase for three Dogs.*

*To the Author of the* Jacobite Journal.

*Bissextile, or Leap-Year.* Vincent Wing.

*Sir,*

THE learned Author from whom I take my Motto, assures us, that this Year there will be a Day added between the 28th of *February* and the 1st of *March*. An Event so extraordinary, (which I find, by searching the Records of Times past, has not been known to happen above once in four Years) certainly deserves the Attention of the Public; and therefore I shall offer some few Observations that occur to me upon this important Subject.

This is a Matter of Consequence to the money'd Men of this Kingdom: For those who have Money out at Interest by the Year, will lose 1 336th Part of that Interest. For which Reason, I am inform'd, that many eminent Usurers of the City of *London*, as well *Jews* as *Gentiles*, intend to keep a solemn Fast on *Monday* next, to bewail the Disaster brought upon them by that Day, and to balance it as well as they can, by a Parsimony somewhat greater than usual. On the contrary *Jack Courtly* tells me, that he and his Friends have already bespoke a grand Entertainment at the *King's Arms* in *Pall-mall*, in Commemoration of their having Money one Day, without paying Interest for it.

But let us leave these curmudgeonly Usurers and the rakehelly Spendthrifts their Counterparts, and turn our Eyes to the Ladies, whom we shall find no less affected in a Point as dear to them as Money is to the Usurer. Prince *George* of *Denmark* was born on the 29th of *February*, and, by a just calculation of Chances, one Woman in 1741 may be supposed to be born on that Day. Therefore, whenever I see a Miss who has lived as many Years in the World as an old Man, I take it for granted that she had the same Birth-day with that illustrious Person, and that 'till she has seen 20 Birth-days, she reckons herself a Miss in her Teens, and consequently intituled to as many Lovers as she can get.

I am afraid this Calculation will hardly be sufficient to account for the Number of young Ladies born a good while ago: If not, we may add an equal Number of those born in Leap-Years, late on the 28th of *February*, or early on the 1st of *March*; who, by a favourable Report of their Midwives may claim the same Privilege.

But you will say, how does this conduce to our Great End? Truly what I have said hitherto, was only to draw in the Reader by a little Amusement, and fix him at last upon the main Point. I, who am a Practitioner of the Law, know, as well as you Political Writers, that any Thing may be made out of any Thing, and indeed out of nothing, notwithstanding an obsolete mistaken Maxim to the contrary. And now you shall see how easily this great Work is brought about. Let us only suppose the Government to be a huge Debtor for the Interest of all the public Funds, and that the Interest of all those Funds for a Day amounts to

* Is it not apparent that this Sum is sunk upon us? And is it not apparent, that, un[less] they divide that Sum between you and me, th[ey] will be, and there must be, and there ought to [be] a most outragious Clamour against them?

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Now I am got into my Interrogatories, give me leave to ask a queſtion or two more. Is not the 28th of *February* uſually the Day before the 1ſt of *March?* Is not the 1ſt of *March* poſtponed by this additional Day? Is not the 1ſt of *March* the Grand Anniverſary Feaſt of the Ancient *Britons?* Are not the Ancient *Britons* choleric? Are they not brave? The Tendency of theſe Queſtions is very plain. Believe me, it would be no difficult Matter, if we could find any great Man of that Country who would join us heartily, ſo to incenſe thoſe inflammeable Gentlemen, by a warm Repreſentation of the Indignity offered to their Country and tutelar Saint, as to * * * * Our Friends will underſtand the reſt.

*Yours*,

EPHEMERIDIUS.

* I have purpoſey omitted the Sum, not doubting that our Friends will ſuppoſe it greater than it is.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE French Queen has lately loſt her Confeſſor, who was a Poliſh Abbot, and 'tis expected ſhe will replace him by another Prieſt of the ſame Nation, of which ſhe is a Native. G. A.

The Propoſal which the Court of Verſailles has made of the King of Portugal for Mediator at the enſuing Congreſs, and the Demand made by Don Caravallo, the Portugueze Envoy at Vienna, that the Mediation of his Maſter ſhould be accepted, are look'd upon as intended by the French Miniſtry only to obſtruct the Work of a general Pacification; it being well known, that ſome of the Allied Powers have already objected againſt the Mediation of that Monarch. ib.

They write from Franckfort, that the Imperial Commiſſaries have hired Boats there for tranſporting into the Low Countries ſeveral thouſand Men that are expected. This is aſcribed to the warm Application made from the Court of Great-Britain to that of Vienna, requiring to have the ſtipulated Number of Troops as ſoon as poſſible at the Place of their Deſtination. ib.

Letters from Warſaw, dated the 11th of February, N. S. ſay, that the Ruſſian Forces have obſerved a moſt exact Diſcipline in their March, that they deſired to have nothing gratis but their Lodgings, and paid the full Price for every Thing elſe in ready Money. All the Nobility in the Intereſt of the Houſe of Auſtria, leave no Method untried to expreſs their Kindneſs, and Regard for the Officers, and as many of them have ſerved long, and have perſonal Acquaintances with ſome of the Chief of the Nobility in the oppoſite Intereſt, they likewiſe entertain in their Turns; and as for any General Aſſembly, theſe Letters poſitively aſſert, that it is ſimply impoſſible it ſhould be held before theſe Auxiliaries have traverſed the Kingdom, and are entered into Sileſia. S. J. E.

They write from Milan, that in the Space of ſix Weeks near fourteen thouſand Recruits have arrived from Germany, ſo that moſt of the Auſtrian Regiments of Infantry are perfectly complete, as appears from the Certificates ſigned by their Colonels, and tranſmitted to Count Brown. It is alſo ſaid, that an Officer arrived there lately from the Britiſh Admiral Byng, with an Account, that the Fleet under his Command was ready to ſecond any Attempt that ſhould be made for the Service of the Common Cauſe, upon which a Report prevailed, that the Troops would quit their Winter Quarters by the Cloſe of the Month of February or the Beginning of March at fartheſt; and that a conſiderable Body of Forces would ſpeedily be tranſported into Corſica under the Command of General Baron Mighing, eſcorted by a Squadron of Engliſh Men of War, to complete the Reduction of that Iſland before the End of the Spring. ib.

*Extract of a Letter from Lauſanne in Switzerland.*
*Feb.* 20, 1718. *N. S.*

'The Levies for the new Regiment of Graffenriedt, 'lately granted to the Dutch go on with uncommon 'Briskneſs, which give us Hopes that it will be com- 'pleated much ſooner than was expected at firſt, and 'no wonder, ſince Father and Children all enliſt toge- 'ther, an Inſtance of which I myſelf ſaw yeſterday. 'But what is ſtill more ſurprizing, I have it from very 'good Hands at Bern, that a young Woman in Man's 'Cloaths has likewiſe entered herſelf a Soldier in the 'ſame Corps, and upon the Diſcovery of her Sex re- 'fuſed to return the Enliſting Money, but inſiſted on 'ſerving the High Allies as a Soldier. The Caſe has 'been laid before the Commiſſioners of the Board of 'Recruits, and we wait impatiently to know what will 'become of our Heroine.' G. E. *It is hoped this fair Warrior will do as much Injury to the* French, *as the famous* Joan *of* Orleans *formerly did Service.*

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*Proceedings at the Court of Criticiſm, Thurſday March* 3.

THE following Letter was read, and approved, and the Thanks of the Court were ordered to be return'd to the Writer.

*To* John Trott-Plaid, *Eſq*; *Cenſor of* Great Britain.

THE Obſervations on *Clariſſa* in your 5th Journal gave me very great Pleaſure, not only as being (in my Opinion) extremely juſt, but as giving me Hopes that ſomething, beſides Abuſe of an Author, might poſſibly be received and reliſh'd by the Publick. But how was I mortified in almoſt every Set of Company I went into afterwards, by hearing it ſaid with a Sneer, that *Clariſſa* was finely *puff'd* in the laſt Jacobite Journal. Pray, Sir, is it fair to call all Commendation *Puffing?* As you have undertaken the Office of Cenſor, I wiſh you would endeavour to convince the World how unjuſt and cruel a Thing it is to give a Name of Reproach to the moſt deſerved Praiſes that can be beſtowed; and at the ſame time not only to ſuffer, but to encourage all Sorts of Abuſe that can be thrown on the moſt ingenious Productions of the Age.

This, I am afraid, is a Proof of too much Ill-nature in the Human Compoſition; but as you have evidently ſhewn the very Reverſe in the Proceedings at your Court, (though I declare you have not, I think, beſtowed any undeſerved Praiſe on either Book or Perſon) I hope by your means to ſee Commendation and Cenſure placed upon ſuch an Equality, that neither ſhall be deem'd other than the Effect of an impartial Peruſal; unleſs upon due Examination it ſhall be found, that one is the Effect of Malice, Envy, or Ill-nature, or that the other is (that only true Puff) the Breath of Flattery purchaſed by a Bribe. I promiſe you I am only an Advocate, and no Party concerned in this Cauſe; for, unleſs you think well enough of this ſhort Letter to publiſh it, I never ſhall, by appearing in Print, experience the Bitterneſs of the preſent prevailing Humour of Criticiſm, nor the Benefit of a Reformation, ſhould you effect one, being no Writer, but only your conſtant Reader, and

*Humble Servant*, &c.

The Pamphlet advertiſed as written by the Author of the *Diſſertation on Parties*, in order to inſinuate that it was the Performance of that celebrated Hand, was read, and condemned as a meer Catch-penny, and an Impoſition on the Public.

*(Adjourned.)*

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## DOMESTIC NEWS.

An Order is ſaid to be iſſued, requiring all his Majeſty's Sea Officers, from the Admiral down to the Midſhipman, to wear an Uniformity of Cloathing; for which Purpoſe Pattern-Coats for dreſs'd Suits, and Frocks, for each Rank of Officers, are lodged at the Navy-Office, and at the ſeveral Dock-Yards, for their Inſpection.

And it is likewiſe ſaid, that the Rank between his Majeſty's Land and Sea Officers has been eſtabliſhed, by his Majeſty's Order in Council, as follows, viz.

Admirals and Commanders in Chief are, for the future, to rank with Field Marſhals.

Admirals, with their Flags on the Main-Top-Maſt-Head, with Generals of Horſe and Foot.

Vice-Admirals, with Lieutenant-Generals.

Rear-Admirals, with Major-Generals.

Commodores, with Broad Pendants, with Brigadier-Generals.

Captains, of three Years ſtanding, with Colonels.

Younger Captains, with Lieutenant-Colonels.

Maſters and Commanders, with Majors.

Lieutenants with Captains. S. J. E.

A Bill is order'd into Parliament for the more effectual Trial and Puniſhment of High Treaſon and Miſpriſion of Treaſon in the Highlands of Scotland. Ib.

Laſt Week the Right Rev. Dr. Gooch, Biſhop of Ely, was married to Mrs. Compton, an agreeable Lady, with a Fortune of 40000 l.

They write from Jamaica, that the Plymouth Man of War was to ſail from thence for England, three Weeks after thoſe Ships which are arrived at Baltimore; and it is ſaid ſhe has on board 300,000 l. Sterling. Ib.

We have Advice that the Marquis de Maurepas, a French Privateer with 50 Men, is taken by the Duke of Dorſet and Hawke Privateers, and ſent into Dover. G.E.

Sunday laſt arrived an Expreſs from Portſmouth, with Advice that his Majeſty's Ships the Hampton Court, Commodore Moſtyn, and the Prince Frederick, Capt. Norris, from a Cruize of 14 Weeks, (but laſt from Beerhaven in Ireland) were ſafely arrived at Portſmouth.

They bring Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship the Saliſbury, the Hon. Capt. Edgcumbe, Commander, another of Commodore Moſtyn's Squadron, was arrived at Crookhaven in Ireland, with a large French Ship which ſhe had taken, outward bound for Eaſt-India, deeply laden with Naval Stores.

By the Death of his Grace the Duke of Bridgewater, who died laſt Week of a Fever, in the 21ſt Year of his Age, his Title and Eſtate deſcends to his Brother Francis, a Minor, between twelve and thirteen Years of Age, now at Wandſworth French Boarding-School.

We hear that Capt. Weſt will ſoon be appointed a Commodore, and is to have the Command of a Squadron deſigned for ſome important Expedition. Ib.

We hear that the Magnanime, the French Man of War lately taken, engaged ſome Hours, and had 60 Men kill'd and wounded before ſhe ſtruck. Ib.

*St. James's, Feb.* 24. This Day Signior Groſſateſta, Miniſter from the Duke of Modena, had his firſt private Audience of his Majeſty, to deliver his Letters of Credence; to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies. Gazette.

*Whitehall, Feb.* 27. On Wedneſday Morning laſt his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland ſet out from St. James's for Harwich, there to embark on board the Fubbs Yacht for Holland; and by an Expreſs arrived late laſt Night, his Royal Highneſs ſailed about One Yeſterday in the Afternoon with a fair Wind. Ib.

*Edinburgh, Feb.* 23. Orders are come down for Skelton's Regiment, lying at Perth, to march from thence to Newcaſtle, in order to be embark'd for Flanders. They are to be replaced by Barrel's Regiment from Stirling, and the latter by the five Companies of the Royal Iriſh quartered at Linlithgow. D. C.

There were ſeveral private Letters by the laſt Dutch Mail, in which Notice was taken that the Merchants of Amſterdam had received Advice from Toulon and Marſeilles, that the Project lately formed of tranſporting Goods in ſmall Veſſels from thoſe Ports to the Levant, in hopes of their eſcaping the Engliſh Men of War and Privateers, had proved utterly unſucceſsful, ſince of Ten that ſailed lately from Marſeilles, Three had been taken on the Coaſts of the Iſland of Sardinia, and Four either ſunk or driven on Shore upon Corſica; ſo that it is believed the French will be obliged to have Recourſe at Length to the unpalatable Expedient of ſuſpending that Commerce entirely, till the Concluſion of a Peace, or of a general Ceſſation at leaſt. Ib.

Several Perſons who were taken into Cuſtody, by Virtue of Warrants from one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and committed to the Cuſtody of Mr. Carrington, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, are very cloſely confined, and a File of Muſqueteers, from St. James's Guard, are poſted in and about the Houſe for their greater Security. It is reported, that other Warrants have been likewiſe iſſued, in Conſequence of Diſcoveries lately made of certain illicit and dangerous Correſpondencies carried on in different Parts of this Kingdom. Ib.

Laſt Sunday an Order was ſent from the War-Office, to poſtpone the Embarkation of the Troops deſigned for Flanders till further Orders. Ib.

Laſt Saturday the Seſſions ended at the Old Bailey, when the five following Perſons received Sentence of Death, viz.

William Stevens, and Francis Hill, for a Burglary.

Thomas Lane, for picking the Pocket of Mr. Platt of a Silk Handkerchief, Value 3 s.

William Whearier, a Soldier, for the Murder of Henry Rogers, a Sailor, (who had but one Arm) by giving him Fifteen Wounds on the Head and Body on Finchley Common. And

John Parkes, for uttering and publiſhing a falſe, forged and counterfeit Order, ſign'd Paul de Lamerie, directed to Mr. Foxall, a Refiner in Oat-Lane, to deliver 200 Ounces of Sterling, with an Intent to defraud Mr. Foxall and Co. knowing it to be forged.

Thirty were caſt for Tranſportation, Seven burnt in the Hand, Four whipp'd, and Fourteen acquitted.

The Trials of William Gray, Arthur Gray, William Rowland, alias Rowlen, alias Rowling, all Smugglers, and John Taylor, for ſtopping the Coach of Mrs. Barnham, and robbing Mrs. Forſter of a Gold Repeating Watch ſet with Diamonds, two Gold Pocket-pieces, and three Guineas, and Mrs. Parſſell of one Guinea, and Thomas Newbury the Coachman, charged with the ſaid Crime, were put off till next Seſſions.

Thomas Newbury was admitted to Bail, himſelf bound in the Penalty of Four hundred Pounds, and two Sureties two hundred Pounds each.

Samuel Wayman a Smuggler, died lately in Newgate. S. J. E.

Three Regiments of Marines are ordered to embark on board the Fleet deſigned for Cape Breton. Ib.

The Reaſon that Orders were ſent to countermand the Troops embarking for Flanders, was occaſioned by the great Quantity of Ice that is lying along the Coaſt of Holland, which would have render'd it very dangerous for them to have landed. D. C.

Tueſday the Hon. Houſe of Commons met, according to their Adjournment; and the Right Hon. the Speaker went to the Houſe in a Chair, and is much better. Ib.

*Sheerneſs, Feb.* 28. On Friday the Mary Yacht, with the Hon. Mr. Legge, Ambaſſador to the Court of Berlin, anchored at the Nore: And Yeſterday the Catherine Yacht, with Sir John Legonier, came likewiſe to the Nore; but the Wind being Northerly, ſhe came into the Harbour laſt Night. Ib.

Tueſday Morning Prince Henry, the youngeſt Son of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, by ſome Accident in the Nurſery, had the Misfortune to have his Thigh broke. G. A.

The ſame Day his Royal Highneſs's Coach, in which were ſome of the Children, who had been out to take the Air, broke down in Pall-mall. The Earl of Buckinghamſhire's Chariot going by at that Inſtant, took them up: Happily none of them received any Hurt. Ib.

Some Ships of Force are manning and victualling with all Expedition, in order to protect the Northern and Eaſtern Coaſts of this Kingdom from any Inſults of the Enemy. Ib.

It is reported, that for the more effectual Cultivation of the Country, and more ſpeedily civilizing the Inhabitants, in the Highlands of Scotland, his Majeſty will be enabled by Law to purchaſe Lands in that Country, to be leaſed out to, and ſettled by, an active, induſtrious, and well principled People, who are to hold immediately from the Crown; and that ſuch other Expedients will be uſed, as ſeem beſt calculated to preſerve the Tranquillity, improve the Lands, and encourage the Trade of that Part of the United Kingdom. It is alſo ſaid, that the better to prevent Perſons committed for High Treaſon, and other Crimes of an extraordinary Nature, from eſcaping, the Forts that are already erected, or which may be hereafter erected, will be declared County Goals. L. C.

There is certain Advice, that the Magnanime, a French Man of War, taken by the Nottingham and Portland Men of War, is arrived at Kinſale. G. A.

The Salisbury Man of War, Capt. Edgecombe, is arrived at Plymouth, with her Prize, the Jaſon, a French Eaſt-Indiaman, who mounts 40 Guns, and has Ports for 50. Ib.

Mr. Ranby, Surgeon to his Majeſty, and Dr. Mead, attend Prince Henry at Leiceſter-Houſe, and there is great Hopes of his doing well. D. G.

There is Advice from America, that ſeveral of the Enemy's Ships have been run aſhore by ſome Engliſh Men of War off Carthagena, who have alſo taken ſome Prizes, ſaid to be of Value.

There is Advice from South Carolina, that the Privateers from St. Auguſtine's have taken and brought into that Place upwards of 12 Sail of Veſſels; and that the Maſters of them are ſince come to their reſpective Ports in a Flag of Truce. Ib.

The Bill for reſtraining the Subjects of Great-Britain from inſuring French Veſſels, or any Merchandize or Effects on board them, having already paſſed both Houſes of Parliament, lies now ready for the Royal Aſſent; and as this Law, when paſſed, will continue in Force as long as the preſent War, it is conceived that the Conſequences of it cannot fail of being extremely fatal to the French Commerce, more eſpecially to that which they carry on to the Weſt-Indies; and that we are therefore moſt intereſted in diſtreſſing and deſtroying; neither will it be practicable to repair this Misfortune, by inſuring at Genoa, the Company erected there ſome Years ago, having already loſt their Credit by the Diſturbances in that Republic. L. C.

We are very well informed, that ſeveral new kinds of Lawns, and other Manufactures, of a Fabrick equally beautiful, and much preferable for Strength, to French Cambricks, have been lately made in Great-Britain and Ireland, and will be introduced as ſoon as the Act for preventing that expenſive and deſtructive Manufacture takes Place, nor is it to be doubted, that in the Space of a few Years, with the Help of a little Encouragement, we ſhall ſurmount all the Obſtacles in the Linen Manufactory, and arrive at as great Perfection in all its Branches, as can be deſired. L. C.

This Morning came Advice, that the Kitty, Capt. Wheeler, from Jamaica, arrived at Briſtol on Tueſday; ſhe ſailed in Company with 19 Sail of Ships for England the 30th of December; (more than a Month after the laſt Fleet) they were convoyed through the Windward Paſſage by his Majeſty's Sloop the Merlin, and a ſmall Veſſel of War called the Vainquer; the Kitty parted from the reſt of the Fleet the 20th Inſtant, all well thro' the Windward Paſſage; ſhe brings Advice, that the Men of War who ſailed from Jamaica to intercept the French Fleet, were not returned to Jamaica, but had ſent in three of the Fleet before the Kitty came out. A Brig of the Fleet was taken and carried into Jamaica by the Duke of Bedford, Capt. White, from Briſtol. W. E.

By Letters received from Providence by way of Carolina, is certain Advice, that four of the French outward-bound Fleet are taken and carried into that Iſland by the Privateers fitted out there. G. E.

Thurſday two Regiments embarked at Graveſend for Flanders; and the Foot Guards, who were poſtponed, will embark with all Expedition. W. E.

## *Comical* OCCURRENCES.

In the Daily Gazetteer of Wedneſday is the following comical Letter.

### *To the* ROMAN-CATHOLICKS,

Gentlemen,

A Gentleman having inform'd me, that a Canon of Notre-Dame in Paris ask'd him what was my Religion, I give this ſtrict logical Definition of it: It is the Objection of Man to reſemble the Attributes of God, to his Power, by the Practice of the beſt Catholic Right Reaſon: To this may be added, —— on all the Relations of Things, as the one immutable Law, to the higheſt Glory of God, for the utmoſt Right, Dignity, Happineſs, Perfection of Human Nature:—— The Words, To his Power, extend to every Article of the Definition, expreſs'd or imply'd; as,—to reſemble God, to his Power, implies, To believe in God to his Power: So the reſt, *i. e.* Rational Faith, is a ſincere Diſpoſition, with an active Endeavour, to attain that Evidence of Divine Truths which ſhall oblige the Aſſent to a Propoſition or Syſtem, recall'd from God as ſuch; St. *Paul* calling Faith *Elichus*, the Argument, Evidence of Things unſeen, *i. e.* not the mere Belief, but the Reaſon of it too, on the Principle, that, *nemo tenetur ad impoſſibile*, there can be no religious Objection to a moral Impoſſibility; all the Exerciſes and Advertiſements of the Oratory are deduced from this Definition; which affords the greateſt and beſt original Deſign that ever was framed by mere Man. Dr. Hawerdine ſays, This Diſpoſition puts a Man in a State of Salvation, Grace, and the Pale of the Church; therefore the *Bulle cœnæ*, Heretical Pravety, Judicial Blindneſs, &c. do not affect the Rationaliſts, who Head, in this Plan, I am, and the only Proteſtant Preacher; becauſe I alone do not admit the religious Obligation of Tradition and Church Authority, as all others do; by which, as honeſt Men, they are bound in Conſcience to be Papiſts, and profeſs Popery, as I will do, if a Papiſt truly confutes the *Coup de Grace*. Thoſe Principles infer Popery; the Fathers and Councils are chiefly Papiſts; there is no Medium between a Rational Catholic and a Roman Catholic; none can talk conſiſtently and ſucceſsfully with a Papiſt but a Rationaliſt; no Religion but mine can keep out the Pretender; therefore I ought to be, and naturally am, Primate of all England, and of Proteſtancy; and all Books written againſt the Papiſts by Traditioniſts are one Lie: All this I undertake to prove inſenſibly. There are, truly, but two Religions in the World; one real, that of this Rationaliſt; the other appearing the Roman-Catholic: As for the Reſt, throw them into the Duſt-Basket, and away with them, Scavenger.

J. O. C. HENLEY.

*Sing Tantararara, &c.*

*Dublin, Feb.* 23. On Saturday laſt Edmond Martin, ſtood between the Hours of Ten and Twelve o' Clock in the Pillory, oppoſite the Tholſel, according to his Sentence laſt Term in the King's Bench, for Forgery, and Subornation of Perjury. This Malefactor aſſumed to himſelf theſe many Years paſt, the Title of a Barriſter, and was commonly called Counſellor Martin, tho' he never was called, nor qualified, being a Papiſt, to be called to the Bar, as a Lawyer, in this Kingdom, and never was a Member of any of the Societies of the Law in London. It is a great Happineſs to this Kingdom, that he is to be ſent out of it. His Character includes all the Vices that are contrary to Honour, Honeſty, and Social Life. It is remarkable, that a Gentleman at the Bar, of his own Name, Counſellor Richard Martin, had him in ſuch Abomination, on Account of his notorious Wickedneſs, that he was one of the moſt Sanguine of his Proſecutors L. C. *This may perhaps be thought no very comical Article; but we love to put great Men together.*

Catherine Geary (better known by the Name of Dutch Hannah) who keeps a noted Houſe near Long-Ditch, Weſtminſter, is committed to Tothill fields Bridewell, by Thomas Ellys, Eſq; of New-Palace-Yard, for ſtealing from a Soldier and his Wife, who lately arrived from Flanders too late to obtain a Billet, and was recommended to her Houſe for Quarters, all their Apparel, Childbed-Linnen, Shirts, Shifts, &c. G. E. *We hear all the ſaid Childbed-Linnen, &c. were found hid in her Pocket.*

Tueſday Morning died at his Houſe in the King's Mews, Mr. Laws, Bridle-Bit-maker to his Majeſty. S. J. E. *He could be called no more than a Bit of a Bridle-maker.*

## *Tragical* OCCURRENCES.

Laſt Wedneſday Night a Servant-Man was detected in ſtealing *a Silver Pint-Mug from the Gentleman and Porter*, a noted Public houſe in Fleet-ſtreet, on which he was had before a Magiſtrate, who committed him to Wood-ſtreet Compter. G. E. *The Gentleman in the Sign repreſents the Silver Mug, and the Porter the Alehouſe.*

On Saturday William Pring was committed to New Priſon, by John Poulſon, Eſq; being charged on the Oath of Henry Sourmers, Gent. for privately ſtealing a Handkerchief, his Property. G. A. *Mr.* Pring *will be acquitted, if the Handkerchief appears at the Trial, (as it doth here) to be his Property.*

The laſt Letters by the Iriſh Mail take Notice of a new Race of *Mohocks*, that have lately ſtarted up in Dublin, and have taken upon themſelves the Name of *Sweaters*, from terrifying the People they meet at Night, by ſurrounding and inſulting them; but it is believed this Race of Savages will be very quickly demoliſhed, as a Reſolution has been taken by many Gentlemen of Figure and Fortune, never to walk the Streets of that City after it is dark, without being provided with a Caſe of Pocket Piſtols, which it is thought will render the *Poppers* an over-match for theſe *Sweaters*. L. C. *Both Parties might meet with very good Diverſion in Flanders.*

On Sunday Night the Jews Synagogue, in Duke's Place, was broke open and robbed of Effects to the Value of three hundred Pounds. ib. *This Robbery was not committed by a good Chriſtian.*

Tueſday died very rich, Mr. Baldwin, the Clerk of Stepney Church, a profitable Place, which he has enjoyed about forty Years. L. C. *Amen.*

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